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Storms Cause College Closure

Cecilia Cava

EDITOR

Rain, strong wind, flooding, and more rain made the start of Spring semester dramatic. Hartnell College was dismissed early on Thursday Feb. 3 and then was closed Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7. The decision to close Hartnell was reluctantly made because many students and instructors who could not make it to school as a result of road closures.

Hartnell College was able to lend a helping hand to its community by providing the campus gym as an American Red Cross Shelter. The shelter offered



Photo by Cecilia Cava
Power lines rest on a fallen tree off of San Juan Grade Rd. in North Salinas. This road was flooded many times during the storms.

beds to families in need in Hartnell's main gym for many weeks.

Faculty members will be paid for the classes that were cancelled. School resumed on Monday, Feb. 9, while many other schools in Salinas and Monterey remained closed.

Spring registration was extended to Feb. 12 due to the severe weather conditions and college closure. That gave students four extra days to add classes. As of Feb. 3, Hartnell's enrollment was up 271 students.

While many students enjoyed the time off and others caught up on homework, some volunteered their time to help those hurt by the flood. "Since we had the days off from school, I decided

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Crime Prevention

How Safe Is Your Community?

Gregory S. Verba

STAFF WRITER

Do the students of Hartnell College feel safe? How about the residents around Central Park? After a police investigation of an alleged forcible rape, can a student or any resident living around the park go on with their daily routine without looking over their shoulder? The alleged rape happened Jan. 31 when a 17 year old girl was walking through Central Park at 11 p.m. But what about the overall crime in Salinas, is it increasing or decreasing? Also, what can a student or a resident of Salinas do to prevent themselves from being a victim of any crime?

The Hartnell security program is a student employee operation. To become a part of the Hartnell security team you



photo by Gregory S. Verba

Central Park where a 17 year old girl was allegedly raped on January 31. must be a student and carry at least 10 units or more. Plus, you must also maintain a G.P.A. of a 2.0 or better. The security team works from 6 a.m. till

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Hartnell to Hire Seven Full-time Instructors and Administration For Fall '98 Four Full Time Positions Will Go Unfilled

Tim Brown

EDITOR

Hartnell College is scrambling to fill seven full-time teaching and administrative positions, including those formerly held by Vice-President of Instruction Patricia Caldwell, whose resignation is effective at the end of the school year, and Dean of Occupational Education Leslie Buckalew. Both administrators resigned last summer amid controversy over their conflicting management styles. Mike Foudy, Dean of Community Education, Buckalew's interim replacement, said he is unsure whether he will apply to keep the

position.

Hartnell President Edward Valeau denies that the loss of such key people as Caldwell and Buckalew is detrimental to the college.

"In a college there is always a core in the institution, and the core is intact. Change is the only thing that is certain," Valeau said.

Other positions to be filled include
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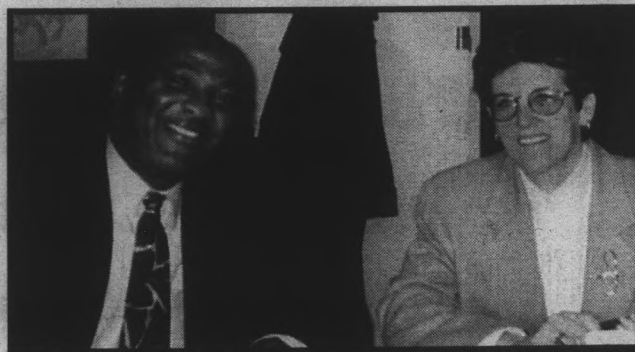


photo by Tim Brown

Hartnell President, Dr. Edward Valeau, with Director of Human Resources, Sallie Savage.

Tim Brown

EDITOR

While Hartnell College will be hiring seven new full-time instructors and administrators, budget constraints have prevented the hiring of four additional full-time instructors in the departments of English, Math, Computer Graphics and Administration of Justice. Hartnell had budgeted for only seven full-time positions. There is no money left for the additional four, said Sallie Savage, director of Human Resources and Staff

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Point, Counterpoint: CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

It doesn't sound cruel or harsh at all. There's nothing wrong with it. What kind of world would we live in without the death penalty? What kind of example are we setting when we let criminals run free? Those who are against the death penalty baffle me. Would they want the murderer of their son, daughter, brother or sister allowed to go without being punished? Life in prison is simply not enough.

The recent execution of Karla Faye Tucker in Texas has brought world-wide attention to this smiling, sweet woman who appears before us on T.V. as a born-again Christian. A woman in the United States has not been executed since 1984. What is so different in 1998? Why should women receive a pardon simply because of their sex? If females

commit the same crimes as men, do, it is only fair that females receive the same punishment - even if that means death. Should one be pardoned if one has changed and are no longer a threat to society? NO. Where was this smiling innocent woman when she took a pick ax

to two innocent people? Where was her Christianity then? Found guilty,

she received the punishment she deserved. It is the perfect example of American justice and should not be tampered with due to the mass media portraying her as a new person. If she is a new person now, that is fine, but the fact remains. She is being punished for crimes committed long ago and there's no way around that.

All criminals must face their punishment once found guilty. It's the American way that sets an example for us all. Crime will not be tolerated and justice will be served to all. There's nothing wrong with it. It is only wrong when innocent people die and their killers go free.

I am writing to express my opinion on the death penalty, otherwise known as capital punishment, in light of the recent execution in Texas of Karla Faye Tucker. I am opposed to the death penalty. I hold this view for many reasons. My reasons do not deal with the questions of rehabilitation, remorse, religious conversion, or the changes in inmates and victims over the years between conviction and execution. These are quite emotional and unclear issues. My reasons deal with justice and practicality.

The death penalty is not just. Since the death penalty was reinstituted in this country in 1976 over four hundred men have been executed, while only two women have been executed. Taking into account that women make up about fifteen percent of all murder

convictions, it is obvious that our justice system is not blind to the issue of sex in handing down death sentences. Therefore, the death penalty is not just. If a defendant is wealthy his chances of being executed are much smaller than those of a poor defendant, who cannot afford expensive lawyers. As the saying goes, "If you have the capital, you do not face the punishment." Justice is not blind to wealth. Therefore, the death penalty is not just. If a defendant is a minority he is much more likely to be executed than a white defendant. Justice is not blind to race. Therefore the death penalty is not just.

The death penalty does not reduce crime. The implementation of a death penalty has proved to have no effect on crime statistics. It is therefore useless as a crime deterrent. The death penalty is expensive. Because of court costs due to appeals by death row inmates and the costs of maintaining death row equipment, it is more expensive to execute a criminal than to impose life imprisonment without parole. The money saved by abolishing the death penalty could be used to further real crime prevention efforts.

The death penalty is permanent. Many cases have arisen in the history of capital punishment where defendants were proven innocent after they had been executed. These were irreversible

mistakes that took innocent lives. New investigative techniques such as DNA testing are uncovering false convictions in old cases throughout the Justice system. The death penalty, if used, will undoubtedly send innocent people to their death. In law school law students are taught that it is better for ten guilty men to go free, than one innocent man go to jail. How can we support the death penalty knowing innocent people will be sent to die?

I do believe that there are people who commit crimes so horrible that they should be destroyed. Demons such as Ted Bundy or Richard Allen Davis deserve to

be destroyed. Yet, I would rather see their lives spared than see the many injustices in our use of capital punishment go on. Life behind bars without the possibility of parole is good enough to protect us from the monsters of society and to keep us from becoming a society of vengeful monsters wielding lethal injection at all we fear.

The implication of the death penalty is biased in favor of the white, the wealthy, and the female. It is ineffective in deterring crime. It is expensive and its mistakes are irreversible. There is little justice in the death penalty and I cannot be in favor of including it as a part of our justice system.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

This is a bit late in coming, but I wanted to write and congratulate you and the other members of The Panther staff on a great newspaper. I picked up a copy to read at lunch

time a few weeks ago, and I was really impressed at the quality of the writing and the relevance of the topics of the articles. The articles were very interesting and (in my opinion) an improvement over the articles in past panthers. In fact, I felt that the article on depression was especially timely and probably helpful for many students.

As a reading and writing instructor in the Learning Skills Center, I feel confident in using our own school newspaper as an example of quality writing. I will also encourage students who aspire to careers in journalism, or who are particularly gifted writers to join the newspaper staff.

Thanks again for your hard work!

Sincerely,

Lisa G. Berti

Like Father, Like Son

Andrew Turner
STAFF WRITER

Board of Trustees News

As the saying goes, like father like son. In the last 1997 election for the Hartnell College Board of Trustees a new board member, Brad Rice, was elected to fill the vacancy left by incumbent William H. Barbee's decision not to run. The Rice family can now boast of two family members on school boards as Rice's father, Robert Rice, is a member of the Siskiyou Joint CCD board. One of the issues brought up by Brad Rice during his election was the fact that Hartnell has no agricultural program. Rice, who works for a local seed company and raises cattle, points out that Hartnell serves "one of the most fertile

agricultural regions in the U.S. It's important that the local community college have an agricultural program."

Rice, endorsed by both major local newspapers, beat one opponent for the open seat on the board. Incumbents Mark Dierolf and John Martinez were both re-elected. The Hartnell Board of Trustees now includes Joey Lasnik, Board President Area 2, John W. Inman, Vice President Area 3, Carl Cieslikowski, Area 1, Mark Dierolf, Area 5, Juan Martinez, Area 6, Brad Rice, Area 7, David Serena, Area 4, Viola Hix, Student Trustee, and Edward J. Valeau, Board Secretary.

Student Senate News

Cecilia Cava
EDITOR

The Student Senate, which meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in room HC119, is planning to offer Student Emergency Loans beginning Fall Semester 1998. For more information, contact Irene Rassmussen, Director of Student

Activities, in her office located right next to the bookstore.

The Student Senate hopes to one day add on a second story above the current Student Center. This new addition to the Student Center will be complete with lounge, offices, and conference rooms. The cost of this venture will be several million dollars, Irene Rassmussen reported. As a result, students can expect to pay an extra Student Center Fee during future registrations.

The Student Senate is also planning to purchase couches and tables to be placed in the Hartnell College Center for use by the general student body. The furniture will be evenly grouped adjacent to the window side(s) of the College Center.

Academic Senate Meeting Schedule for Spring '98 Semester

All meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Room HC116

March: 10th & 24th

April: 14th & 28th

May: 5th & 19th

Bookstore: Updated and Upgraded

Ivy Chen
STAFF WRITER

Those who attended Hartnell this past semester have witnessed the drastic changes that the bookstore has undergone. Some of the changes include new shelving, carpeting and customer service counters. The new layout of the bookstore provides more signs which make it easier for students to locate things. The bookstore features a complete new section of Hallmark cards, and a table full of books on sale, a feature which was never offered before. Last semester, the bookstore was leased to Wallace's Bookstore Inc. The bookstore was outsourced due to Hartnell's inability to run it profitably.

"It's better I think, things are easier to find," said Hartnell student, Jessica Ramirez.

Bookstore manager, Paul Casey said that sales have increased and the store has decreased inventory

for control purposes, focusing on more sellable items. Sometimes the bookstore will receive special popular items such as Beanie Babies sold last semester.

They are still awaiting for their point of sales system which keeps track of inventory and accounting. This system will also make the lines flow quicker and more smoothly. The bookstore expects the system in about a year, Casey said.

The figures for the renovation have not yet been calculated, but the money to pay for these renovations will

come directly from bookstore profits. The prices of books have remained relatively the same, however, the prices are set by the publishers, not Wallace Inc., Casey said.

Here are the student's comments about the changes at the bookstore: "As far as how they operate, they need to get their act together

because when they sell books to patrons they don't desensitize them and when people go to the library the books set off the alarm there. As far as remodeling goes, I feel they did a decent job," Tony Wilson said.

"The changes have little effect on me. When I go to the college bookstore, I am more concerned with the price tags and my wallet than the new layout and carpeting," Brandon Abell said.

"It's just an adjustment. Adjusting to where everything is again so far I've been able to find things or am offered help. It seems to function," Tom Staniford said.

A future suggestion box will be set up in the bookstore for students' suggestions or comments.

"Things are running well," Casey said.



Photo by Tim Brown

The newest feature of the bookstore includes a Hallmark Cards section, and a "books for sale" section.

It's A Small College District After All

Andrew Turner

STAFF WRITER

Hartnell College may be coming to Soledad. The Hartnell Board of Trustees, the Soledad High School District, and the City of Soledad are reviewing plans to build a Hartnell off-campus site on ten acres set aside from land which will house the planned Soledad High School. Courses at the new Hartnell site would not only be open to students in Soledad, but also to those throughout the Hartnell College District. Hartnell and Soledad administrators are currently exploring possible designs for the new facilities, considering construction costs, curriculum, and community needs. The College District is about one hundred miles long extending from Moss landing in the North to the Bradley area in the

South. In addition to Hartnell's Main Campus, classes are also offered at East Campus in Salinas, Gleason Center in King City, and high schools in the district such as North Monterey County and King City High Schools.

Infant care needed. Professional couple seeks person experienced with infant to care for 3-month-old weekday mornings 7am to noon. Light housekeeping + References required. Call 484-5228 for more details.

Hartnell Recieves Bomb Threat

Andrew Turner

STAFF WRITER

Looking for a possible killer, College officials and police searched the campus on Wednesday, Feb. 25. The potential killer was a bomb threatened to have been planted somewhere at Hartnell. An anonymous individual called the College at 7:45 a.m. saying, "There is a bomb on campus." The caller gave no further details on the possible location of the bomb. The Salinas Police Department was called at 7:52 a.m. College staff and police then searched the campus buildings for

anything out of the ordinary. As of 8:40 a.m. nothing was found, according to the office of College President/ Superintendent Edward J. Valeau.

This is not the first time Hartnell staff have had to handle a bomb threat. The most recent previous incident occurred on May 12, 1997. On that day the Admissions Department recieved a phone call at about 10:45 a.m. from a whispering male voice which claimed that a bomb was in the Administration building. The Salinas Police Department was called and the structure was evacuated including the adjoining building of classrooms and administrative offices. The entire area was searched, but a bomb was not found.

Scholarships and Internships

Ivy Chen

STAFF WRITER

Area of Study: History
Amount awarded: \$200.00
Deadline: April 29, 1998
For more information call 755-6811 or stop by room C-156

Area of Study: Secretarial/Business Related
Amount Awarded: \$400.00
Deadline: March 31, 1998
Mary Hale Memorial Scholarship.
Sponsored by Professional Secretaries International, Steinbeck Chapter.
Applicants must show a desire to pursue the secretarial administrative assistant or business field of study. Recipient must enroll at college or business college for the Fall 1998 semester and have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicants will be selected based on academic promise, interest in pursuing a secretarial career, extra curricular involvement and financial need. Requirements include; a completed application, 2 letters of recommendation, Copy of current transcript, and statement of financial need, extra curricular involvement, career goals, and educational ObjectiTyman Lumber Company Inc.

Scholarship. Applicants must either currently attend or be graduates of Salinas Valley High Schools (ie. Alisal, Gonzales, King City, North Monterey County, North Salinas, Salinas, Notre Dame, Palma or Salinas). Recipients are chosen based on academic promise and financial need. Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and be an incoming freshman or continuing Hartnell student or transferring to a 4-year University. Must enroll and maintain 12 units each semester of the 98-99 school year. Requirements include; completed application, transcripts, two letters of recommendation, copy of class schedule (Hartnell College Students), a letter stating financial need, educational goals and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed.
For more information call 755-6811 or stop by room C-156

Area of Study: Secretarial/Business Related
Amount Awarded: \$400.00
Deadline: March 31, 1998
Mary Hale Memorial Scholarship.
Sponsored by Professional Secretaries Requirements: Computer and good interpersonal skills
Area of Study:

Horticulture related major at a four year institution. (ie. Agri-business management, agriculture economics and finance, Ag pest control, plant genetics, botany as related to ornamental horticulture or the nursery industry. Amount awarded: up to \$2,500, \$500 in book scholarships also available.
Deadline: April 1, 1998
California Association of Nurserymen Monterey Bay Chapter. Applicants must show a strong interest in pursuing horticulture related career. \$500 book scholarships are available to any student enrolled in Community College or higher horticulture programs. Requirements; Students must be a resident of the Monterey Bay C.A.N. Chapter area (Santa Cruz, Monterey, Santa Clara (southern part), and San Benito Counties), a transcript and an additional supportive information which will present information extending beyond the application indicating the potential success in college and in a horticulture career, and proof of enrollment (given by letter from school registrar, counselor or university major. All Winners will be honored at the Chapter's June General Membership Meeting. For more information contact: Hartnell College

Scholarship Office or call (408) 755-6811

Internships Opportunities for Hartnell Students (Cooperative Work Experience Education)

Position: Systems Operations and Support Hours: M-F, 5 a.m.-7 or 8 a.m.
Company: Tanimura & Antle, Inc.
Training: Available on the Job
Pay: \$7.50

Requirements: Monitor system for correct functioning and operations and respond to users request for help. Prefer previous experience with hardware repair and maintenance and working with operating systems.

Position: Computer Lab Instructional Assistant

Hours: M-F, 10-15 hrs.

Company: City of Salinas, Police Activities League 3-6 p.m.

Pay: Volunteer Experience

Training: Orientation

Requirements: Computer and good interpersonal skills

Hartnell Helps Flood Victims

Maria Jimenez
STAFF WRITER

Hartnell College opened its doors to offer shelter to flood victims from the Monterey County area. After Sherwood Community Center closed due to a concert programmed for the second week of February. The Monterey County Red Cross moved its Salinas shelter from the Sherwood Community Center to Hartnell College Gym on Feb. 6. More than 50 people from the Salinas San Jerardo housing cooperative Labor Camp 21 stayed at Hartnell's Gym until Feb. 14 when the shelter was closed.

"My family has been stayed at the Hartnell College shelter for six days," said San Jerardo resident Jorge Gomez, 18. Residents from San Jerardo were unable to get out of their homes because of road damage caused by the storm. San Jerardo resident Alfonzo Tapia, 19, said, "We didn't have clean water, or electricity."

The 65 homes in the San Jerardo co-op were blocked by mud slides and debris. The National Guard transported those residents to the Hartnell shelter on Feb. 10. Two days earlier, on Sunday Feb. 8, the American Red Cross helped more than 100 flood victims from Camp 21 move to the Hartnell College shelter. They also had been without electricity and water for three days.

Hartnell students, teachers, and staff as well as members of the community donated food and blankets, and many volunteered their time to help the flood victims.

"Hartnell College Staff has been wonderful," said Red Cross shelter manager, Ernie Bevans.

Among those who helped were three Salinas High Schools, and Key Club students who helped clean, serve food, and fill out information forms for victims.

Bill Ritch, Red Cross Mass Care Coordinator traveled from his home in Nevada to help with the effort in Salinas and said that the goals of the service center at Hartnell College was to meet the needs of the flood victims.

The American Red Cross provided beds, food, water, towels, and a television to distract the children during this stressful time. Since schools were closed due to the bad weather, local teachers had an opportunity to volunteer their time with the children from the shelter. This is a big help for the children's parents, who had many things on their minds.

On Feb. 14, the American Red Cross made arrangements for people, finding them a place for them to live temporarily.

Star Spangled Extravaganza

Right: The Hartnell Jazz Band played for dinner guests at the Steinbeck Hall to raise money for music equipment

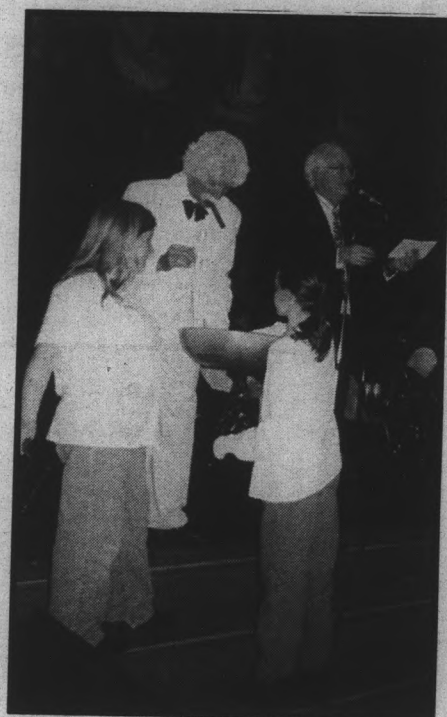
Bottom: McAvoy Layne (Seen as Mark Twain) holds a bowl of raffle tickets, while Dr. Carl Christensen's (who stands with the mic.) two daughters pick out the winners for prizes



Cecilia Cava
EDITOR

The Hartnell Music Department held its annual fund-raiser dinner dance on Feb. 20. This year's theme was a "Star Spangled Extravaganza". The event took place in Steinbeck Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Music was provided for dinner guests throughout the evening by the Community Chorus, Hartnell Choir, Chamber Singers, the Hartnell Community Band Orchestra and the Hartnell Jazz Band. McAvoy Layne also provided a one-man comedy act in which he played Mark Twain, The Wild Humorist of The West.

"The money raised helps provide equipment that we normally wouldn't be able to afford," said Sandy Rudo, the Hartnell Choir director. Admission was \$20 per ticket. Guests received dinner, a glass of wine, and live entertainment. The evening concluded with dancing to the music of Hartnell's Jazz Band and a raffle with prizes ranging from concert tickets to bottles of wine.



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KDON Gets A Face Lift

Charise Espina

STAFF WRITER

If you've noticed a positive change in KDON (102.5FM) then you're not alone. Nov. 1, 1997, Scooter B. arrived, the new program director for five radio stations, including DUDE RADIO (1380AM - Sports Talk), KOCN (105.1FM - Oldies), KTOM (100.7FM - Country), KRQC (92.7FM - Rock), and KDON (102.5FM - Pop). All stations are owned by Clear Channel Radio, a Texas-

"If there are bored women at work they can tune into KDON and we'll be there playing nothing too Hard-core or Urban, but basically what they request. That's why we started contests like the fax game, where we draw the name of an office that has submitted a fax, and that office wins three large pizzas, during the lunch hour.

"The success of a radio station definitely comes from the music. Disc jockeys play a big part, but people



Photo by Charise Espina

Rap recording artist Mase (camouflage outfit) kickin' it with the KDON crew. (L to R) Joe Reichling, Arista Records; D.J. Picaso; and Program Director/D.J. Scooter B.

based communications company. Clear Channel owns more than 200 radio stations in Texas alone, not to mention several across the country.

"We like to pick up stations that need improvements." They are not necessarily bad, but they could be better," says Steve Davis of Clear Channel Radio.

Scooter B. started the changes by dropping a lot of the hard-core rap music the "old" KDON was playing.

"We like to pick up on the artists in demand like Jewel and Angelina. For instance, the Celine Dion song, "My Heart Will Go On," is the most requested song of the day. If we didn't play that, we wouldn't be playing what the people wanted," Scooter B. says.

He says the new KDON wants to please its audience.

"The average age of a KDON listener is 27," says Scooter B., "which is good because our target audience is 18- to 34-year old females." Scooter B. hopes the changes he has started will bring a new light to KDON and bring in older listeners.

usually listen for the type of music that is being played," says Scooter B.

A complaint that can be heard by numerous KDON listeners is "KDON PLAYS THE SAME SONGS OVER AND OVER AGAIN." Scooter B. insists that they play what they call power jams.

"We play what the people want to hear, and that's why they listen. The more they hear what they want, the more they will listen."

Claudia Moran, a Hartnell freshman, says that, "Dr. Maimes talks too much, but he's funny, but I don't really see a change in KDON. They are basically the same. I love KDON, but not in the morning!"

"I love all those songs but after hearing them over and over again... I get sick of them," says Susana Mercado, a Hartnell freshman.

"KDON is gradually improving," says Diana Elliott, a Hartnell sophomore. "But I guess it's not enough to be noticed yet."

"Ratings are creeping up though," says Scooter B. "But we still have a long way to go."

Estampa de las Americas Ballet Folklorico

Aaron Lara

STAFF WRITER

In my search for story ideas, I happened to stumble on the Western Stage Theater, where Estampa de las Americas Ballet Folklorico dance group was practicing. To my surprise, (I didn't even know a dance group existed here at Hartnell), I found myself motionless and watching every spin and stomp of this splendid ethnic dancing.

"Hey you, do you want to join, we're in need of male bodies," were the first words Yadira Gelista said to me. With credentials reflecting more than 10 years of dance instruction, including a job as this group's assistant director, Gelista's knowledge of dance has attracted dancers of all ages.

Teresa Galindo, whose two daughters are the future darlings of ballet folklorico, feels that this type of dancing demands discipline and coordination two words that would come to be far too familiar by the end of the night.

As the music finished and the lights were brought up to full power, a handful of dancers and parents surrounded me. The image of a barber shop quartet always came to mind when, each time I posed a question to the group, one person seemed to always finish someone else's answers.

"What does it take to be a good dancer?" Like a crescendo in an opera, the word discipline rang out.

First time dancers Carol

Ruvalcaba and Carmen Murrillo (it was their third day) took up ballet folklorico dancing with the group for different reasons.

"I get nervous, but it (dancing) makes me feel better and also makes me feel alive," Carmen said.

Carol Ruvalcaba said she joined the group because she wants to feel proud of her heritage and would like to express her culture in dance. Her sentiments were echoed time and time again by other members of the group.

Of all the answers given to the various questions that I asked, none heightened emotions or brought more smiles than when I asked the group, "How do you feel when you perform?"

"The feeling of a sense of accomplishment," proclaimed third-year veteran Judith Gonzalez. "At first you feel really nervous, then you're overtaken by the emotion."

"But it feels good to be recognized and applauded by the crowd," added older sister Yafra Gonzalez.

Gelista said that during her 10 years as a dance instructor, dancing has been an excellent way to raise children's self-esteem, helping them acquire discipline, and coordination-qualities that this group demonstrated with their dancing and their character.

Estampa de las Americas practices every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to about 9 p.m. at Hartnell's Western Stage Theater.

CAMPUS QUESTION



Tony Moreno, 20, Electrical Engineering
 "I feel totally safe, but there should be more security guards. I'm more worried about getting hit by a car when crossing the street in front of the Visual Arts building."



Dora Renteria, 18, Law Enforcement
 "Strong security. I see these little wimpy guys. I would suggest hiring people that have experience and who have had the proper training. They should do their job and not socialize so much. Besides, I never see them when I feel unsafe at night. I suggest security wear bullet proof vests for them to feel safer to get involved in a bad situation."



Poncho Tapia, 18, Architecture
 "I feel safe on campus because I've lived in this city all my life and I'm familiar with the area and the gang around here. I've never heard of a guy getting raped. But I think girls should be more worried about it."



April Chesmore, 21, Intercultural Studies
 "For daytime, I feel fine, but after my evening class I don't always feel too safe. The parking lots aren't very well lit."

Do you feel safe on campus? What do you think will make the campus feel safer?



Laurie Stone, 20, Ag Business
 "I feel that it is safe on campus. It is the person's responsibility to be alert. They have sufficient security guards."



Maria Savedra, 20, Liberal Studies
 "To tell you the truth, only in the daytime but not at night. I want security walking around at night. There's nobody around at night."



Kabir Tharpa, 21, Music
 "I feel safe here because there are no fights or people carrying illegal things besides alcohol and cigarettes."



April Marquez, 22, Physical Therapist
 "When I did have night classes. I barely saw any security so I kind of felt insecure about my safety."

MOVIE REVIEW

"Wedding Singer"

Rated R

Rating ***

Cecilia Cava

EDITOR

The Wedding Singer, starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, is a fun romantic comedy that takes you on a journey back to the 80s and tells the story of Robby Hart (Sandler) and Julia Sullivan (Barrymore) falling in love.

A week away from his own wedding, Robby meets Julia who is struggling through her first day of work as a waitress serving food in the banquet hall. The two find that they have something in common- they are both engaged - to other people, of course. A week later, Robby is left standing at the altar and when he becomes a nervous wreck crashing all of the weddings he sings at, Julia comes to the rescue and the two become friends.

Besides being a great movie, *The Wedding Singer* also has great music. The soundtrack is a collection of the 80's greatest artists including The Cure, New Order, Billy Idol, The Thompson Twins, Culture Club, and Psychedelic Furs. The also soundtrack features, Rapper's Delight, sung by Ellen Dow who plays an old woman that Robby Hart is giving singing lessons to.

I recommend *The Wedding Singer* because it is a hilarious movie mixed with the excellent chemistry between Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore. You will especially like *The Wedding Singer* if you are an 80s enthusiast because the whole movie is decked out in the biggest 80's styles and fads. You will also like *The Wedding Singer* if you are a big Adam Sandler fan. This movie mixes his usual funny-man routine but also shows what a talented singer and actor he is.

The Wedding Singer is rated R and is playing at Northridge Mall.

PANTHER RATING SCALE

- ***** A Classic
- **** Fresh Material
- *** Worth the time and money
- ** Proceed at your own risk
- * Don't even bother

And the Winner's are . . .

Editor's Guide to the Oscars

Tim Brown

EDITOR

Every year after you scan the nominations, you probably see something that sickens you. You see an omission after someone who gave a great performance, or someone nominated for the worst work they have ever done. I'm taking this space to show MY opinions, and my wealth of useless knowledge to predict the winners before they are announced on March 23.

Best performance that did not receive a nomination

Leonardo Dicaprio, *Titanic*

Dicaprio's "live for the moment" Jack Dawson is the heart and soul of *Titanic*. Dicaprio gives his best performance to date. His past performances include a retarded boy in *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?*, which earned him a nomination for best supporting actor, and a drug addict in *The Basketball Diaries*. Kate Winslet was nominated for her part as the upperclass girl Rose, who is engaged to a man she doesn't want to marry, and is rescued from a suicide attempt by the third-class Jack Dawson. Winslet does an excellent acting job, feeding off Dicaprio's energy. Dicaprio is the superior actor, and his performance did more for the film than Winslet's. Without Dicaprio, *Titanic* would have been *Twister* with a better soundtrack, and it surely would not win the Oscar for best picture.

Worst performance that was nominated

Dustin Hoffman, *Wag the Dog*

When someone does this poor of a performance and is actually nominated, I must seriously wonder about the sanity of Academy voters. In *Wag the Dog*, he plays a Hollywood film producer who is asked to produce a war to take the attention off a presidential sex scandal. Although amusing at times, the movie that included a cast of Robert DeNiro, and Woody Harrelson, was disappointing. I have seen some great performances by Hoffman from *Rainman*, to *Tootsie*, to a young Hoffman in *The Graduate*. His performance in *Wag the Dog* just doesn't measure up.

Best Picture:

As Good as It Gets,
The Full Monty
Good Will Hunting

L.A. Confidential
Titanic

When the Academy Awards are given out on March 23, *Titanic* will have surpassed *Star Wars* (\$461 million) as the top domestic money-maker of all time, and the first movie to ever gross more than a billion dollars, before coming away with the Oscar for best picture. Many critics will say that *L.A. Confidential* was robbed, but I can't see it winning. Both *As Good as It Gets*, and *Good Will Hunting* are that type of "feel good" movies, that never seem to win best picture. *The Full Monty* is nothing

but I wouldn't count on it. If Hoffman does win this award, I will promise to never watch the academy awards ever again.

Best Actress:

Helena Bonham Carter, *The Wings of the Dove*

Julie Christie, *Afterglow*

Judi Dench, *Mrs. Brown*

Helen Hunt, *As Good as It Gets*

Kate Winslet, *Titanic*

This will be at least one award that *Titanic* will not receive. Traditionally, the best actress award does not go to a

Predicted Oscar Picks

Best Picture:

Titanic

Best Actor:

Jack Nicholson, *As Good as It Gets*

Best Actress:

Pick 'em, not Winslet, or Hunt

Best Supporting Actor:

Robin Williams, *Good Will Hunting*

Best Supporting Actress:

Gloria Stuart, *Titanic*

Best Director:

James Cameron, *Titanic*

Best Adapted Screenplay: Cutis Hanson & Brian Helgeland, *L.A.*

Confidential

Best Original Screenplay: Mark Andrus & James L. Brooks, *As Good as It Gets*

but the darkhorse, and should not be taken seriously, especially since it does not even show "The Full Monty."

Best Actor:

Matt Damon, *Good Will Hunting*

Robert Duvall, *The Apostle*

Peter Fonda, *Ulee's Gold*

Dustin Hoffman, *Wag the Dog*

Jack Nicholson, *As Good as It Gets*

Jack Nicholson will win his third Oscar, which he does deserve as his part as a mean man who can't control his obsessive compulsive behavior. For Damon, just being nominated will be a huge boon to his young career. Duvall or Fonda could come away with an upset,

movie with a lot of other nominations, which takes Winslet and Hunt out of the running. Honestly, I have not watched the other three movies, and I don't even recall seeing previews for *Afterglow*, or *Mrs. Brown*.

Best Supporting Actor:

Robert Forster, *Jackie Brown*

Anthony Hopkins, *Amistad*

Greg Kinear, *As Good as It Gets*

Burt Reynolds, *Boogie Nights*

Robin Williams, *Good Will Hunting*

Everyone of these actors has had a very different past up to this point. From past Oscar winner Anthony Hopkins to former "hunk" Burt Reynolds. From "come-back kid" Robert Forster, to former "Later" host Greg Kinear, to comic genius Robin Williams. It's hard to imagine that all of these actors are all up for the same award. If history serves me, I'd go with Williams to win, since this award often goes to a Best Picture nominated film that does not win. Besides, he is most deserving with his part as a mentor for genius Matt Damon in *Good Will Hunting*.

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Best Supporting Actress:

Kim Basinger, *L.A. Confidential*
Joan Cusack, *In & Out*
Minnie Driver, *Good Will Hunting*
Julianne Moore, *Boogie Nights*
Gloria Stuart, *Titanic*

Basinger, Cusack, Driver, and Moore all receive a well deserved career boost from being nominated. While Stuart, at 87, the oldest person ever nominated for an Oscar, will come away with the win. Stuart, along with Kate Winslet, are the only actresses to both receive nominations for playing the same character.

Best Director:

Peter Cattaneo, *The Full Monty*
Gus Van Sant, *Good Will Hunting*
Curtis Hanson, *L.A. Confidential*
Atom Egoyan, *The Sweet Hereafter*
James Cameron, *Titanic*

Do you even wonder who is going to win this award? There are two dark horses - Cattaneo and Van Sant. Then there is the "just happy to be nominated" Egoyan, with his tragic tale of a town that copes with the death of children after a school bus crash. Now there are the two that should win, Cameron and Hanson. Even though Hanson deserves more, there is no way that Cameron and his epic *Titanic* will go empty handed. If, however, Hanson does score an upset, the chances that *L.A. Confidential* can take Best Picture will increase dramatically.

Best Adapted Screenplay:

Paul Attanasio, *Donnie Brasco*
Curtis Hanson & Brian Koppelman, *L.A. Confidential*
Atom Egoyan, *The Sweet Hereafter*
Hilary Henkin & David Mamet, *Wag the Dog*

Hosseini Amini, *The Wings of the Dove*
Best Screenplay rarely goes to Best Picture, but almost always goes to one of the nominations for best picture. That is reason enough for *Wag the Dog*, *Wings of the Dove* and *Donnie Brasco* not to win. Egoyan has "just happy to be nominated" written all over him, but he could come away with a steal. That leaves Hanson, and his 1950's noir police story, *L.A. Confidential*, which will take home this award as a consolation prize for not winning others.

Best Original Screenplay:

Mark Andrus & James L. Brooks, *As Good as It Gets*
Paul Thomas Anderson, *Boogie Nights*
Woody Allen, *Deconstructing Harry*
Simon Beaufoy, *The Full Monty*
Matt Damon & Ben Affleck, *Good Will Hunting*

Using the system I applied for the above category, you can automatically take out *Boogie Nights*, and *Deconstructing Harry*. For some reason, I see *The Full Monty* being shut out Oscar night, which leaves *As Good as It Gets*, and *Good Will Hunting*. Call it a hunch, but I think *As Good as It Gets* will take it.

Andrew Turner

STAFF WRITER

The 1998 Darwin Awards will soon be in. These awards "commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice by eliminating themselves from the species in an extraordinarily novel fashion, thereby improving our genetic pool." Many spectacular winners were found last year and this year looks just as promising. However, we should take some time to enjoy last year's runners up. Almost as spectacular as last year's winners. The *Panther Sentinel* here honors a few of the runners up whose sacrifice was great and just as entertaining.

Fatal Flasher

A Dallas man who was exposing himself to passing traffic died Friday night. Police were alerted by a motorist who had spotted Richard Hollis, 47, standing naked on a railroad trestle. When officers arrived, Hollis was standing under the trestle, still naked. As officers approached, he grabbed his clothes and ran back onto the railroad trestle. He leapt from the trestle, apparently aiming for a concrete support underneath, but missed and fell 35 feet to the ground. He died at Parkland hospital an hour later. The *Dallas Morning News*, Dec. 21, 1997

Bungee Jumper

Eric A. Barcia, a 22-year-old Reston Virginia resident, was found dead yesterday after he used bungee cords to jump off a 70-foot railroad trestle, police said. The fast food worker taped a number of bungee cords together and strapped one end around his foot. Barcia had the foresight to anchor the other end to the trestle at Lake Accotink Park, and he even remembered to measure the length of the bungee cords to make sure that they were a few feet short of the 70 foot drop. He proceeded to fall headfirst from the trestle, and hit the pavement 70 feet below several seconds later. Fairfax County police said "The stretched length of the cord that he had assembled was greater than the distance between the trestle and the ground." Perhaps the deceased fast food worker should have stuck to the line, "Do you want fries with that?"

Adapted from the Washington Post, July 13, 1997

Scrap Metal Thieves

Two people were disassembling an electric tower with wrenches when it toppled Tuesday afternoon. The teens apparently wanted to sell its aluminum supports for scrap. One of the teens was crushed by the tower and the other dug himself out from under the 160' 10,000 pound tower.

AP - July 31, 1997

Poor Driving Runs in the Family

A Wichita, Kansas woman who allowed her 10-year-old son to back the family car down the driveway stumbled while directing the boy and was fatally run down when he stepped on the gas pedal instead of the brake. At about 5:30PM the woman's son and a friend

wanted to play basketball in the driveway, but the car was in the way. The mother stood behind the car helping guide the maneuver. She stumbled after walking backwards into a bush. The 28-year-old accident victim died at the scene. Her name was withheld by authorities. The boy was physically unhurt.

Adapted from *Athens Banner Herald*, May 23, 1997

Cecilia Cava

EDITOR

Recipe of the Month

Corned Beef and Cabbage is a St. Patrick's Day tradition. St. Patrick's Day was first celebrated in America in 1737 and since then, eating corned beef and cabbage has become a tradition of many people who celebrate this holiday. St. Patrick's Day is on March 17 every year and marks the end of bad weather and the beginning of farming.

This month's recipe, in honor of St. Patrick's Day will be for that favorite dish of so many Irish Americans - Corned Beef and Cabbage. Enjoy!

You Will Need:

1 4- to 5- pound corned beef brisket flat half boneless; 1 garlic clove; 1 bay leaf; 1/2 tsp. peppercorns; water; 1 medium rutabaga; 1 large head of cabbage; 16 medium carrots; 16 small red potatoes; 1. In 8-court Dutch oven, place beef, garlic, bay leaf, peppercorns and enough water to cover meat. Over high heat, heat to boiling.

2. Reduce heat to low; over; simmer 3 to 3 1/2 hours until meat is fork-tender. Remove meat with slotted spoon and keep it warm.

3. Cut rutabaga and cabbage into wedges and add with remaining vegetables to liquid in Dutch oven.

4. Over high heat, heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer about 30 minutes or until the vegetables are fork-tender.

5. To serve, slice beef and arrange on warm large platter with rutabaga, cabbage, carrots and small red potatoes.

If cooking isn't your thing, try some of these fine restaurants which will be serving Corned Beef and Cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. Get there early, because they will be sure to sell out!

The Pub, 227 Monterey St., Salinas; Penny Farthing Tavern, 9 E. San Luis St. Salinas; Tarp's Roadhouse, Hwy. 68 at Canyon Del Rey; Dakota Jake's, 907 N. Main St., Salinas.

Enjoy!

Top 20 Reasons To Attend Hartnell College**Aaron Lara**

STAFF WRITER

1. Hartnell graduated 461 students last year, up from 382 from the year before.
2. Hartnell's successful foreign exchange agricultural program.
3. High school students can attend Hartnell.
4. Hartnell's Men's basketball coach Frank Carbajal, who has a blunt comedic style which is always entertaining.
5. Hartnell's new fitness learning program that is located in the library.
6. Because it was originally thought to be the oldest junior college in the state.
7. Cost to attend Hartnell, present: \$13 and will be \$12 a unit in the future. (This fall we know for sure)
8. The wide variety of classes that are offered.
9. The use of one television set that is available to the 7,914 enrolled students.
10. The fact that you could have been one of the 25 people who attended the Hartnell Women's basketball game against San Mateo Junior College.

11. Hartnell's financial aid department.
12. The successful Hartnell men's soccer team and the defending Coast Conference champion Track program.
13. A great view of the surrounding mountains/hills from the third floor balcony of the main building.
14. The fact that there are a total of 211 computers available to Hartnell College students.
15. The feeling of security, knowing there is a 1:879 ratio of security guards to students.
16. The good food. (Oh sorry, I was thinking of home).
17. The outstanding circuit endurance and power lifting classes.
18. Math teacher, Mr. Rand.
19. The fact that the total number of individuals who attended Hartnell's Women's soccer team, for the whole year, does not exceed the number of students in my oceanography class: 70
20. To get an education.

CALENDAR

March 1998

TUESDAY 3RD- Softball Hartnell Vs. West Valley at West Valley. Baseball Hartnell Vs. West Valley at Hartnell

THURSDAY 5TH- Baseball Hartnell Vs. Chabot at Hartnell at 2:00 p.m. Softball Hartnell Vs. MPC at Hartnell at 3 p.m.

FRIDAY 6TH- Track and Field Hartnell Meet at Hartnell at 3:00 p.m. Swimming and Diving Hartnell Vs. Ohlone at Fremont at 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 7TH- Baseball Hartnell Vs. Ohlone at Fremont at 12:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 10TH- Softball Hartnell Vs. Cabrillo at Cabrillo at 3 p.m.

THURSDAY 12TH- Softball Hartnell Vs. De Anza at De Anza at 3 p.m. Baseball Hartnell Vs. Gavilan at Gilroy at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY 13TH- Swimming and Diving Hartnell Vs. West Valley at Hartnell at 2 p.m.,

Grade by Phone Access Ends

SATURDAY 14TH- Baseball Hartnell Vs. San Jose at Hartnell at 12 noon, Track and Field Hartnell Beaver Relays or Cal Poly Invitational at American River at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 17TH- Softball Hartnell Vs. Ohlone at Hartnell at 3 p.m. Baseball Hartnell Vs. Monterey at Hartnell at 2:00 pm.

THURSDAY 19TH- Softball Hartnell Vs. Skyline at Hartnell at 3 p.m. Baseball Hartnell Vs. West Valley at Saratoga at 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 20TH- (20-21st) Softball Monterey Bay Classic at Hartnell (TBA) (20-21st) Swimming and Diving Hartnell competes in the Cuesta Invitational at Cuesta (TBA) Track & Field Hartnell Vs. Modesto Classic at Modesto at 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 21ST- Baseball Hartnell Vs. Mission at San Jose at 2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 24TH- Softball

Hartnell Vs. Gavilan at Hartnell at 3 p.m. Baseball Hartnell Vs. Ohlone at Hartnell at 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 25TH- Cultural days Entertainment & Food 11:00-2:00

THURSDAY 26TH Softball Hartnell Vs. San Jose at Hartnell at 3 p.m. Baseball Hartnell Vs. Gavilan at Hartnell at 2:00 p.m. Track & Field Hartnell Vs. West Valley, San Jose, Foothill and Contra Costa in West Valley at 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 27TH- Swimming and Diving Hartnell Vs. Cabrillo at Cabrillo at 2:00 p.m. (27-28th) Track & Field Hartnell competes in the Stanford Invitational at Stanford at 11:00 a.m.

SATURDAY 28TH- Baseball Hartnell Vs. Chabot at Hayward at 12:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 31ST- Softball Hartnell Vs. College of San Mateo at San Mateo at 3 pm Baseball Hartnell Vs. San Jose in San Jose at 2:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY 2ND- Softball Hartnell Vs. Gavilan at Gavilan at 3 p.m. Baseball Hartnell Vs. Mission at Hartnell at 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 3RD- Baseball Hartnell Vs. Monterey in Monterey at 2:00 p.m. Swimming and Diving Hartnell Vs. DeAnza at Hartnell at 2:00 p.m. Track & Field Hartnell competes in Fresno Relays in Fresno at 12:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 4TH- Baseball Hartnell Vs. San Mateo at Hartnell at noon Track & Field Hartnell competes in the Bruce Jenner Invitational in San Jose C.C. at 9:00 a.m.

TUESDAY 7TH- Baseball Hartnell Vs. Canada at Redwood City at 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 8TH

THURSDAY 9TH- Track & Field Hartnell competes in the Ed Adams Invitational at Hartnell at 11:00 a.m.

Campus Safety Works to Keep Hartnell College Safe

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about 12 midnight. The main focus for the security team is to observe the campus and its surrounding. If they see anything suspicious around campus, they must report it. Another rule that the Hartnell Security follows is that public safety comes first and security second. That means Hartnell Security must assist students and provide any type of help, if needed. The safety of the campus and the students doesn't just sit on the shoulders of Hartnell Security. They get major help from the maintenance people and custodial workers. If workers see anything suspicious they contact security by their radios to come check it out.

"Crime is minimal here. The crimes that happen here are property crimes; crimes of theft, crimes of opportunity. The key you want to understand is that everyone, every individual on this campus is responsible for their own safety and security. They're responsible for it, not campus safety, not the police. We're here to assist them, to give them tips and hints, to tell them how to be more effective as far as to not be victimized," said Victor Collins, who is in charge of campus safety.

Collins emphasized that the Hartnell Security is only responsible for crime happening on campus. All other crimes should be reported to the Salinas Police Dept.

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to help others less fortunate. There were a lot of people hit hard by the storms and, luckily, my family and I managed to stay dry," said Matt Sterling, who is a student in the Salinas Union High School District. Sterling spent a Friday off from school bagging sand with some other friends. SUHSD students missed a total of three full school days.

Salinas and Monterey have not been the only cities affected by the storms. Big Sur and Pajaro have also experienced millions of dollars worth of damage. On Feb. 9, President Clinton declared Monterey County along with 26 other counties, major disaster areas. This will make it easier for the state to retrieve federal funds for repair costs.

With storms being predicted all throughout the month of April, city officials urge members of the community to be prepared. Drive careful, have sand bags ready, and be prepared to evacuate family members and pets.

SAFETY TIPS TO HELP PREVENT YOU FROM BECOMING A VICTIM (INFORMATION FROM THE CALIFORNIAN)

1. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
2. Don't take night time walks alone.
3. When walking in a neighborhood or apartment complex, be aware of foliage where an attacker might hide.
4. Never leave vehicle doors unlocked or windows rolled down.
5. Don't leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle, such as a purse, wallet, or stereo.
6. Park your vehicle in well-lighted areas when shopping at night.
7. When getting into your vehicle have your keys ready.
8. Bring along company when operating an automated teller machine.
9. When you leave town, have someone pick up mail and newspapers from your home.

Collins said that the school has pamphlets to give you tips on how to be safe and to prevent yourself from being victimized. There is also a self defense class you can take at Hartnell if you feel like your being

Hiring cont'd from p.1

Director of Financial Aid, to replace retiring Director Bea Coronado; Computer Science Instructor, and Early Childhood Education Instructor, both of which are changing from adjunct to full-time positions; English as a Second Language instructor to replace Marytam Navabi, who resigned in December; and an Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Care counselor, who will help with additional work created by the expansion of the EOPS/Care program. The program is funded directly by the state.

Sallie Savage, director of Human Resources and Staff Diversity, said that the college is doing a nationwide search, advertising the positions in publications like The Chronicle of Higher Education, The San Jose Mercury News, the San Francisco Chronicle, and the Los Angeles Times.

Savage said hiring committees will be formed by the Academic Senate about three to four weeks after the application deadlines. A different committee will be formed for each position, comprised of three to four faculty members and administrators from that discipline, Savage said. Each committee, which will be trained in applicant screening and interviewing, will then recommend 12 candidates to be interviewed.

Each of the applicants interviewed will be asked the same questions, and teaching candidates will be required to give a teaching demonstration. Then, three candidates will be recommended to Hartnell President Valeau, who will make the final decision.

threatened.

Jamie Soriano, a second semester student, said that there is not enough security on campus. "Walking out to your car, by yourself, you can get pretty scared. I think they need to keep the parking lot well lit up just in case something does happen so that the security guards can be aware of it."

As for 1997, the city's crime rate was down overall at about 5% compared to 1996 reported Sergeant Tracy Molfino of the Salinas Police Dept.

What about crime in Salinas? Is it going up or down? Collins felt that the overall crime committed is going down.

"With the homicide rate, it's gone up because of gang violence. But it's very isolated in the east corner pocket of Salinas due to retaliation between gangs."

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Diversity.

Savage said the hiring of the four other instructors "will remain a high priority for next year, but there is no certainty" that the college will have the money next year for those positions next year.

The hiring committee recommended the hiring of the four instructors along with those for Computer Science and Early Childhood Education Instructor, who will begin teaching in the fall, 1998 semester.

"The money from the state is always in a flux," Savage said. All the college can do is outline its priorities and makes recommendations, she said.

Hartnell President Edward Valeau said these positions "are what we need in the future and are hoping to add. The future is not going to change too drastically," said Valeau.

Daniel Ipson, dean of Fine Arts, Language Arts, and Social Sciences, said "In each department there is a need" for full-time instructors. Every department can use at least one more person."

In an October 26 memo to the hiring committee, Ipson reported a high turnover of adjunct faculty in the English department, noting that "the college used 32 different part-time English instructors over the past three years."

Ipson said he believed that so many part-timers left because they found full-time work elsewhere. For example, he said, the state's push to reduce class size in primary and secondary schools has created more teaching jobs.

Sprewell v.s. Carlesimo: The Altercation That Landed Sprewell Out of the NBA

Greg Verba
STAFF WRITER

Ding, ding, ding! Standing over in the left corner, weighing in at 195 lbs. and standing at 6'5", he was also a member of the Golden State Warriors, I introduce to you Latrell Sprewell. Standing over in the right corner with a fiery red beard and a look of intensity and standing at about 6'3", I introduce the coach of the Warriors, P.J. Carlesimo. Now, it's about that time, so let's get ready to rummmbble!

The altercation between Latrell Sprewell and Coach Carlesimo happened on December 1, 1997, during a Warriors practice in Oakland. The altercation was almost like a boxing match, with Sprewell allegedly throwing a punch to go along with his choke hold on Carlesimo. The only thing Carlesimo could do was try to defend himself while some of Sprewell's teammates and assistant coaches pulled Sprewell away from the struggling coach.

The whole incident that happened December 1st can be traced to the start of the season when Carlesimo was hired as coach of the Warriors. Sprewell knew that Carlesimo was more of an "in your face" type of coach, who, at times, can be verbally abusive with his players. Sprewell had a dislike for the coach and his coaching technique. Another attributing factor was the fact that the Warriors were in last place since the start of season losing game after game, which made Sprewell's season very unpleasant. Sprewell demanded that he wanted to be traded but he never got his wish by the time the trading deadline rolled around. As a result, Sprewell became more of a hindrance to the team. At one time, during one of their games, Sprewell was goofing around while the team took a time out to design a play. Carlesimo did

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Cecilia Cava
EDITOR

The Hartnell Panther men's basketball team ended their season with a 10-17 overall record. The Panthers began their season back in Nov. practicing all throughout Christmas vacation. The season was plagued with canceled practices and postponed games due to the weather.

"We're right about where we should be for the season, given the talent we have," said Frank Carbajal, the team's head coach. "We'd like to be undefeated but so would the Iraqis."

The Panthers made it to the Northern California single-elimination tournament on Monday Feb. 23, where they were seeded No. 26. Play began Feb. 28 against College of the Sequoias in Visalia. The Sequoias are ranked No. 7. This is the third straight year Coach Carbajal has taken the men's team to

Panther Basketball Concludes 97/98 Season

the playoffs and the sixth year straight year for the team.

The teams' standout players include Chris Gonzales, Dennis Thomas, Jim Woody, Cody Hadden, and Francisco Carriedo.

Gonzales leads the team in scoring,



Photo by Cecilia Cava

In a home game against San Mateo, Becky Hill, #52, dribbles through the defense in hopes of scoring for her team.

assists, steals, and charges taken. He is Hartnell's team captain and was also named to the All-Coast Conference team.

"He's a model citizen and the type of guy you want representing Hartnell," Coach Carbajal said.

Cedric Petty was named the conference defensive player of the year along with Monterey Peninsula College player, Damon Escoffery.

The Lady Panthers ended their season with an 8-19 overall record.

"I don't really feel we jelled as a team this year," said Wendy Bates who is the women's coach. "It was an uneventful year."

The Lady Panthers were seeded No. 21 in the Northern California tournament. The team's standout players included Mandy Villasenor, Sharon Nicks, Tamisha Allen, and Lisa Cortez. Villasenor was named to the All-Coast Conference team and Nicks, only a freshman, received an honorable mention.

not like what he saw from Sprewell so for the whole entire second half of the game Carlesimo sat Sprewell on the bench.

On the day of the incident, an altercation began between Sprewell and Carlesimo because the coach was chewing out a couple of his players and Sprewell had bad mouthed Carlesimo. Carlesimo asked Sprewell to leave the gym and all of a sudden Sprewell attacked the coach, choking him for several seconds. After that, Sprewell left the gym. Twenty minutes later Sprewell came back into the gym and allegedly threw a punch at Carlesimo and threatened to kill him.

After the altercation, the incident resulted in Sprewell being suspended for 10 days by the Warriors. A few days later the general manager of the team, Gary St. Jean terminated Sprewell's contract worth up to \$32 million dollars. That means Sprewell is without a team since the Warriors officially fired the three time all-star. That also means that Sprewell could sign with any NBA team if he chooses to. But, not so fast, the NBA decided to get into the act by suspending Sprewell for a whole year from playing in the NBA.

Now, the question is whether or not Sprewell's punishment was too severe. Some athletes seem to think so. Cedric Petty, captain of the Hartnell men's basketball team said, "I think the

punishment was too severe to a certain degree. He should have been suspended for a couple of games, not suspended indefinitely, for a year because there are players that have been doing stuff, you know, more severe than that and they haven't gotten suspended." Cedric goes on to say, "Like Charles Barkley, he's done stuff in the past, and Dennis Rodman, they haven't gotten suspended for a whole year. So, I don't think it's right for Sprewell to get suspended for a whole year, even though I don't approve of the things he did to the coach."

Even Michael Jordan, of the Chicago Bulls, had a comment about the situation. Jordan had told the Associated Press that Sprewell had been penalized three times—the initial 10 days suspension, the one year league suspension, and the termination of his contract. He was quoted as saying, "It brings a lot of questions and a pretty good argument for Sprewell and his representatives." From the Associated Press, the players union and Sprewell's attorneys are hoping to shorten the one year suspension during the arbitration hearing. As far as with the contract termination, the attorneys feel that Sprewell could recoup most, if not all, the money if and when he signs with another team.

Dave Muscarella, coach of the women's Hartnell volleyball team, had a comment in favor for Sprewell's punishment. "I don't think so."

Referring to whether or not if Sprewell's punishment was too severe. "If what they say is true, then all of the allegations that we've heard are true. I think that's a good penalty for him. They need to put an end to the player thinking that they run the team." Coach Muscarella also talked about how there's no comparison between college and professional athletes because of the money involved with professional sports. In an interview with the Panther Sentinel, the coach stated that at the college level the players are still learning to improve their skills, so they tend to listen to what the coach says to make it to the next level.

Another college athlete, Kealoha Garces, from the Hartnell basketball team, commented on whether or not other coaches like P.J. Carlesimo are too demanding on their players. His response: "No, maybe some players might feel that way, but it's all for the best. Every coach is different."

With Sprewell's arbitration hearing coming to a close on February 16 with the closing arguments lasting for about 7 1/2 hours, the focus will now center around the decision of either letting Sprewell back into the league or serving the rest of his year in suspension. Arbitrator John Feerick will give his decision at any time within the next 30 days. As for Sprewell, he hopes to be readmitted back into the NBA immediately.